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What's New on the VISN 2 Website?

Medical VA Care Line

MVAC launches its new website, with an emphasis on the veteran as the center of VA's health care system. Features include *What to Expect on your Primary Care Visit, Patient Education Tips for Staying Healthy*, and *Frequently Asked Questions*.

http://www.va.gov/visns/visn02/cslines/mvac/mvachome.html

Formulary Updated

The VISN 2 Formulary contains a comprehensive listing of approved pharmaceuticals for veterans receiving care. Updated February 2000. http://www.va.gov/visns/visn02/network/formulary.html

Women Veterans' Program

The Community Breast Health Partnership initiative was presented to a national audience at the Health and Human Services' Healthy People 2010 conference in Washington, D.C.

http://www.va.gov/visns/visn02/vet/wvpartnership.html

Customer Service "Comping" Program

VISN 2's innovative "Comping"/Service Recovery Program is a new Customer Service initiative, also highlighted across VA nationally recently. http://www.va.gov/visns/visn02/customer/initiatives00/comping.html

Happy Birthday Virtual Help Desk!

The Virtual Help Desk is two years old! A quarterly report reveals what answers veterans seek online, and how this innovative service has grown. http://www.va.gov/visns/visn02/customer/initiatives/helpdesk.html

N2 Receives Alzheimer's Grant

A Network 2 partnership has received a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant to serve Alzheimer's patients and their families.

http://www.va.gov/visns/visn02/network/newsreleases/000126.html

Buffalo Cancer Project Report

Buffalo VAMC's Cancer Project Annual Report 2000 is available in MS Word and Acrobat PDF formats.

http://www.va.gov/visns/visn02/buf nf.html

Albany VA Medical Center

VetCare is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to improving quality, access and affordability of health care services to veterans served by Albany's Stratton VA Medical Center.

http://www.va.gov/visns/visn02/alb/vetcare.html

FairCare Treats Patients with Advanced Illness

The FairCare website has recently been reorganized. Included is "Walking the Advanced Illness Road," a road map for those facing advancing illness. The FairCare Health System is working in collaboration with VISN 2 to integrate advanced illness/end of life care into mainstream medicine. http://www.faircare.org

Webmaster's Note

VISN 2 Website home pages are receiving hundreds of hits per day, and new community connections are being made from websites for the Albany Times-Union, the Buffalo News, and Upstate88.com.

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